

SCIENCEFEST FACT SHEET

Location

Pennsylvania Convention Center
1101 Arch Street in downtown Philadelphia
Drop students off at 11th and Arch

Check-In Procedure

Bring your confirmation letter with you to the Registration Desk, which is located outside of Hall C. Follow signs when you get inside the Convention Center. When you check in, you will be asked the name of your school and the name of the teacher who made the reservations. For reserved activities, you will be limited to the number of people you made reservations for.

Nametags

The Convention Center is a big place and we want to make sure everyone you bring makes it back with you. We urge you to give each student a nametag that includes the child's name, the teacher's name, and the name of the school.

Chaperones

One adult is required per five children. Adults must be included in your count for reserved sessions. Children who are not supervised, and the group they are with, may be asked to leave the Convention Center if their behavior is disruptive.

Buses

Volunteers will be stationed at the bus drop off location at 11th and Arch to direct bus drivers to a designated parking area. For directions to The Pennsylvania Convention Center, please check their website, www.paconvention.com, under visitors and directions.

Website

The conference website address is www.ccities.doe.gov/conference.shtml. We continue to add ScienceFest updates. Please check the site regularly.

Expo Hall

The Expo Hall is a rich, learning environment. There are both structured and unstructured activities for your learning pleasure. Please explain to your students that they are asked to respect the property of our exhibitors. There may be giveaways, but it should not be assumed. Exhibitors will take the lead in inviting students to take materials with them.

Preparing Your Students

The Going Places Making Choices curriculum guides, developed by the National 4H Council and taught by staff of the Environmental Protection Agency, is available on our website. You will also find links to other relevant sites.

Scavenger Hunt

Upon check-in, each student will receive a copy of the ScienceFest Scavenger Hunt. Students will find the answers to the Scavenger Hunt questions by visiting the Clean Cities Exhibit booths. The questions will be age-appropriate and will be based in part on the Going Places, Making Choices curriculum. Students should turn in completed Scavenger Hunt questions to the General Motors booth, where they will receive a ScienceFest goody bag. They will also be registered to win Clean Cities prizes.

Information and Lost and Found Booth

We have set up an Information Booth for the ScienceFest. The volunteers staffing the booth are available to give you directions, answer questions, and collect your Scavenger Hunt forms. Please tell your students in advance that if they become separated from your group, they should go to the “Information and Lost and Found Booth,” located in the front of the Expo Hall.

Evaluations

This is the first year of the ScienceFest. We want to know what you think! If it’s worth doing again, we will offer it in the host city in subsequent years. There is an evaluation form on our website and in your registration packet. We appreciate your input!

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